

Keating House
Fayville, Illinois
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KEATING HOUSE
Fayville, Kane County, Illinois

Owner - Mrs. John Keating

Date of Erection - About 1841

Builder - Rice Fay

Present Condition - Good

Number of Stories - Two

Materials of Construction - Random rubble stone walls, dressed stone lintels, sills and quoins, brick and stone chimneys, wood trim and roof shingles.

Additional Data - Rice Fay moved to the Fox River Valley in 1841 starting Fayville, the small settlement which was named in his honor. Within the next year or two he built this home of native stone, but sold it to Elizabeth Keating in 1849, and it has since been in the possession of the Keating family, and is known in the locality as the "Keating House".

Elizabeth and Patrick Keating's son John, who inherited the house was a man of culture and took active part in political affairs. John Keating was well known as a public speaker and it is said that he was a friend of Abraham Lincoln's and that the bed Mr. Lincoln occupied when staying at the Keating home remains in the house as a family heir-loom.

John's son Edward next came into possession of the Keating estate. His widow, two sons and two daughters are the present owners and occupy the old house today.

Since Elizabeth Keating purchased the house, many changes have taken place in the interior, but the exterior walls remain the same, with the exception of the kitchen wing, which may have been added later.

Source Pierce's History of Kane County and Mrs. Edward Keating, present owner and occupant.

By Margaret J. Jones
Approved Edward Keating